

REMARKS

Claim Objections

After cancellation of claims, claims 1, 4-8, 16-19, and 21-23 remain pending in the Subject Application. Applicants have canceled claims 2-3, 9-15, 20, and 24-58 from the Subject Application without prejudice or disclaimer and reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a continuation or divisional application. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 12-14 as being dependent on rejected base claims but indicated that these would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have herein rewritten claims 12-14 in independent form including the limitations of all intervening claims. The limitations of claims 12-14 were all incorporated into a Markush group in claim 1 resulting in one independent claim including the subject matter of objected to claims 12-14.

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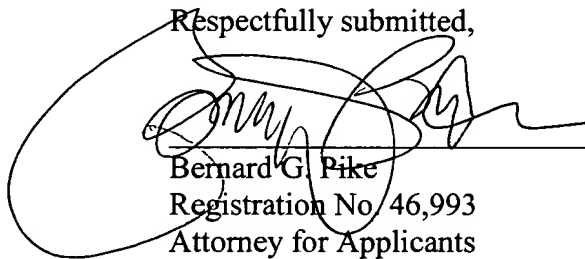
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims pending after the amendments made herein are in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner reconsider and allow the same.

If the undersigned may be of any assistance to the Examiner in addressing any remaining issues to advance the Subject Application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard G. Pike", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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